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**Smart Business Practices**  
**Boat Building & Repair**  
***Management of Hazardous Waste-***  
***Categories of Waste Generators***

**Applicability:** What is hazardous waste? Generators of hazardous waste are required to identify their wastes and to determine if they are hazardous. Waste may be determined to be hazardous because it exhibits a hazardous characteristic (there are four: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or Toxic Characteristic Leaching Procedure TCLP), or because it is a listed waste.

**Benefits:** If your operation generates any hazardous waste, one of three hazardous waste generator categories will apply to your facility.

Each category determines different regulatory requirements. The following chart shows the distinction between the categories and the restrictions on accumulation.

To determine your generator category, maintain a facility-wide inventory of the amount of hazardous waste produced each month and stored on-site at any given time. Then use the chart below to determine which category applies to your facility.

Type	Monthly Generation Rate	On Site Accumulation
SQG	½ drum	up to 1 drum 180 day storage limit
SQG-Plus	½ drum	up to 3 drums, or 180 days after each is full
LQG	any amount	any amount, with 90 days maximum storage following container accumulation start date.

(SQG is Small Quantity Generator, LQG is Large Quantity Generator)

Summaries of the specific regulations that apply to each category can be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's Small Business Technical Assistance Program.

**For additional information, see publications:**

DEP Issue Profile-Small Quantity Generators (November 20, 1995)

Handbook for Hazardous Waste Generators, State of Maine,  
Department of Environmental Protection.

Maine's Hazardous Waste Management Rules, (available from DEP  
staff or look on the DEP web site.)